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A Collection of Portraits and Sketches of Some
Baptists who have “ purchased to them-
selves a good degree ”, and whose
memories are cherished by
those who have entered
into their
labors



Also the Portrait of the only person now
living who was at Brick Providence
in 1834, at the organiza-
tion of the
Missouri Baptist General Association



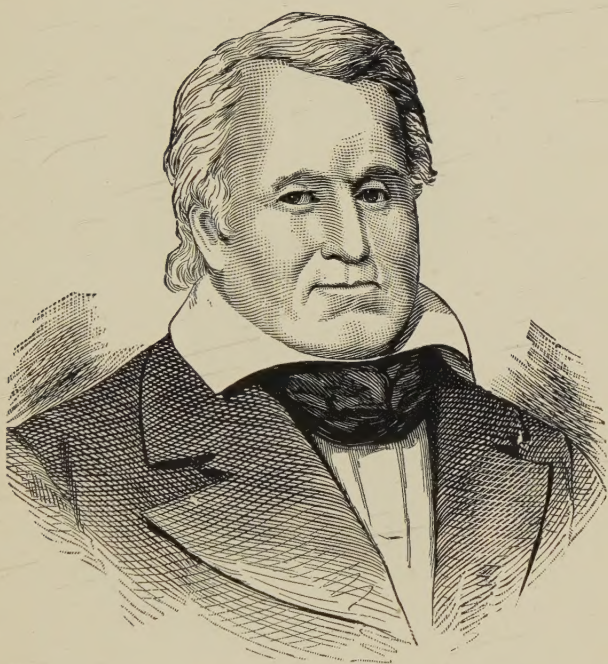
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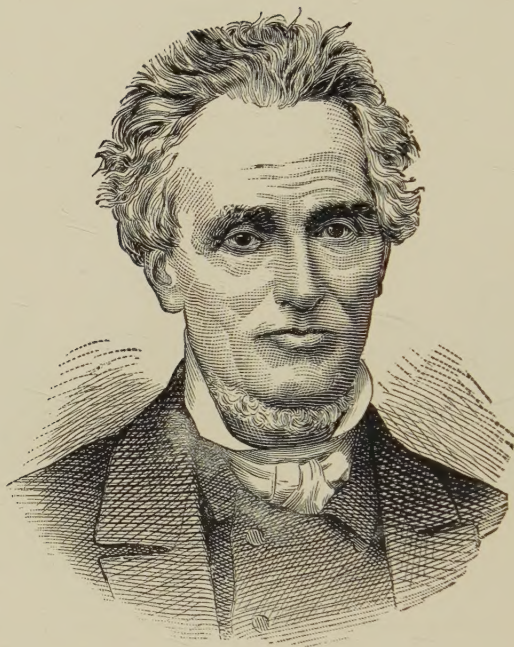
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REV. THOMAS R. MUSICK.

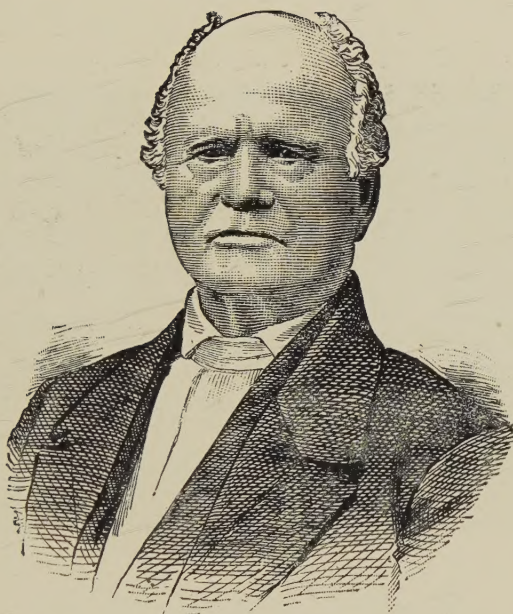
HE CAME to Missouri in 1803 or 1804. Doubtless he was the first Baptist preacher, and perhaps the first preacher of any denomination to settle permanently in this State.

He preached in St. Louis County principally. It was his custom to teach school until he had saved money enough to live for awhile and then start on preaching tours, which were extended as long as the money held out, then he would teach again and then preach. He visited the counties on both sides of the Missouri river as far as Howard county. In these counties he established many churches. His was a life of heroic effort and adventure. It was indeed pioneer work.



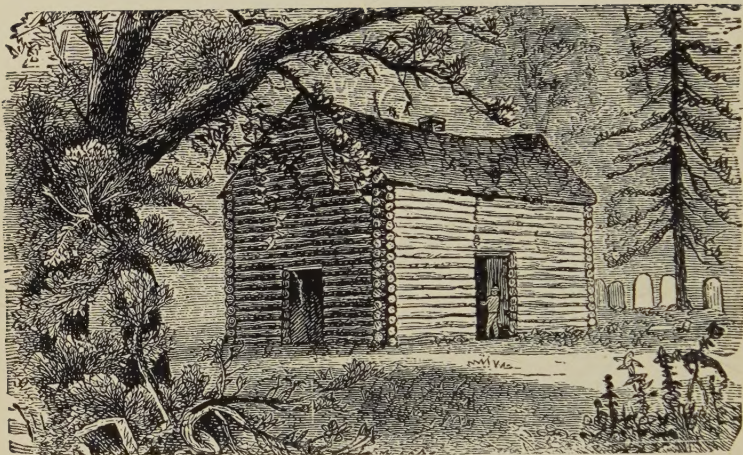
REV. JOHN M. PECK.

HE was a native of Connecticut. December 1, 1818 he arrived in St. Louis as a frontier missionary. He and James E. Welch were foundation layers for Baptist work in the Mississippi valley. He labored both in Missouri and Illinois. John M. Peck was a preacher, a teacher, an editor, an author and a publisher. It would take a volume to record his work and what it means for Missouri Baptists. He it was who led in the organization of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.



REV. JAMES E. WELCH.

REV. JAMES E. WELCH, a native of Kentucky, was ordained to the Gospel ministry at David's Fork church, that State, March 2, 1815. He arrived in St. Louis in November, 1817. He and John M. Peck labored much together, though Mr. Welch spent more time in Missouri than did his co-laborer. He contributed largely to establishing the Baptist cause in St. Louis and was one of the founders of the General Association. He was a man of unbending purpose. He was earnest, persistent, temperate and devoted. His life and labors afford material worthy of presentation by the pen of a ready writer.



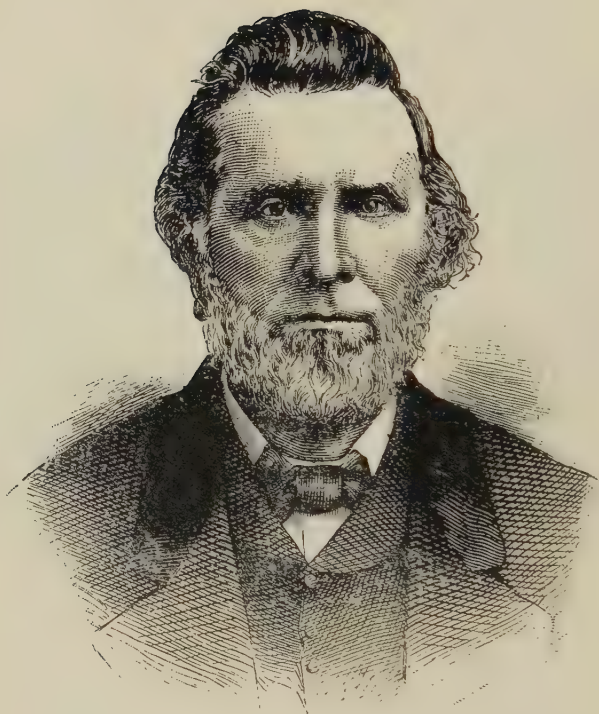
OLD BETHEL MEETING HOUSE.

THE Bethel Baptist church was the first permanent church organization, other than Roman Catholic, west of the Mississippi River. In 1806, near Jackson in Cape Girardeau county, Mo., a little band of Baptists formed the organization. The picture above is of its second house of worship. The structure is of Yellow Poplar logs.



OLD FEE FEE MEETING HOUSE.

IN 1807 Fee Fee church was organized. It is the oldest existing Baptist organization west of the Mississippi River. Its present house of worship is in Pattonville near St. Louis. The picture here presented is of the second house, which was built in 1831 or 1832. It was a brick structure and was located about one mile south of Pattonville.



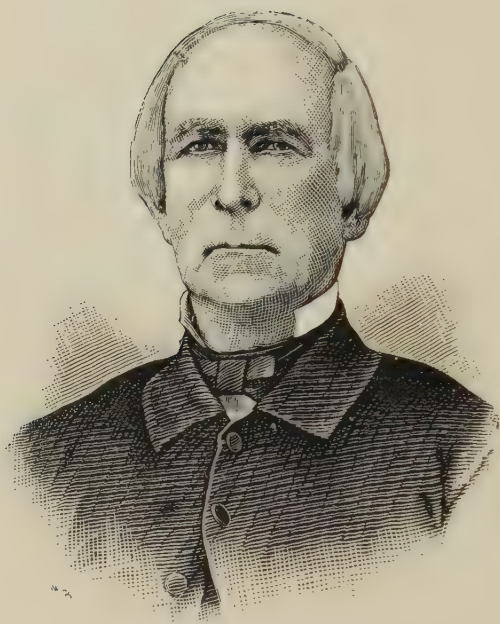
REV. A. P. WILLIAMS.

MISSOURI is honored in that this man of God, one of the foremost preachers who has ever wrought within her bounds, was born, reared and educated and accomplished his work within her borders. He was a typical frontier preacher and yet easily the peer of any preacher of his time. He was born in 1813 and died in 1868. He was Moderator of the Missouri Baptist General Association from 1863 to 1866.



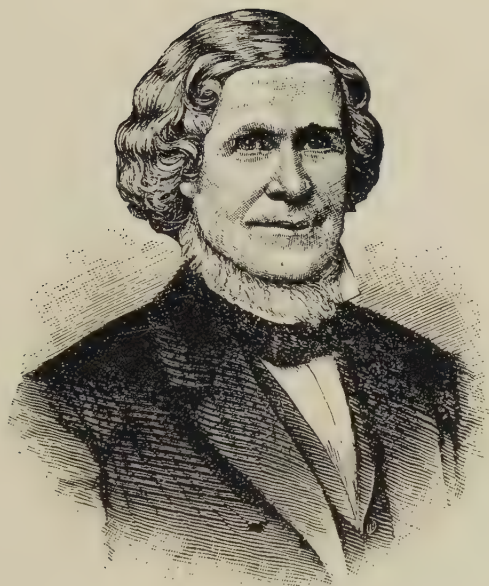
REV. JEREMIAH VARDEMAN.

IN 1830 he came to Missouri and settled in Ralls County. He was a strong character, a man among men. His name is revered by Missouri Baptists. He died May 28, 1842.



REV. J. B. JETER.

DR. JETER, a native of Virginia, was pastor of the Second Baptist church, St. Louis, beginning 1849, where he labored until 1852, when he returned to Richmond, Va. During his pastorate in St. Louis, at least four Baptist churches were organized. The rest of his life was spent in his native State. He was a man prominent in Baptist affairs throughout all the land.



WILLIAM M. McPHERSON.

HE WAS for years one of the most prominent Baptists in St. Louis; for many years, active in church and denominational work, wise in his efforts and honored in his community. He was a member of the Second Baptist church. It was he who gave the lot known as the Baptist preachers' lot in Bellefontaine Cemetery, St. Louis. This lot is a spot dear to many Baptists as being the last resting place of a number of highly appreciated Baptist Ministers.



WILLIAM M. PAGE.

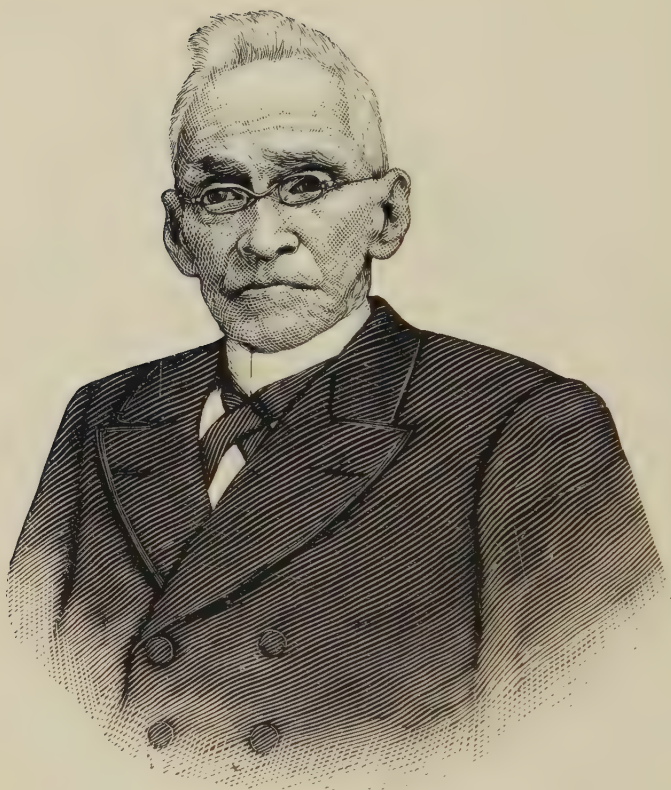
DEACON PAGE was baptized into the fellowship of the Second Baptist church, St. Louis, in 1842. For many years he was an active deacon. When old age came on he was made deacon emeritus. He was prominent in Baptist work in St. Louis. He was large in benevolence, a painstaking Bible student, and an authority on Baptist history.



MRS. WILLIAM M. PAGE.



RS. ELIZA PAGE, the wife of Deacon William M. Page, of the Second Baptist church, St. Louis, came to St. Louis in 1836. She was recognized as a leader in charitable and benevolent work in St. Louis. Many of the strongest organizations in St. Louis for the relief of suffering and for helping the needy owe their beginning to Mrs. Page.



REV. JOSEPH WALKER.

THE Third Baptist church, St. Louis, was organized Sept. 29, 1850. In December of that year Rev. Joseph Walker, of Virginia, became its first pastor and served the church for two and one-half years. He returned to Virginia for a time. Afterwards he came to Rolla, Mo., where he labored for some years. He then returned to Virginia, where he labored faithfully and effectively until he was called home in 1901.



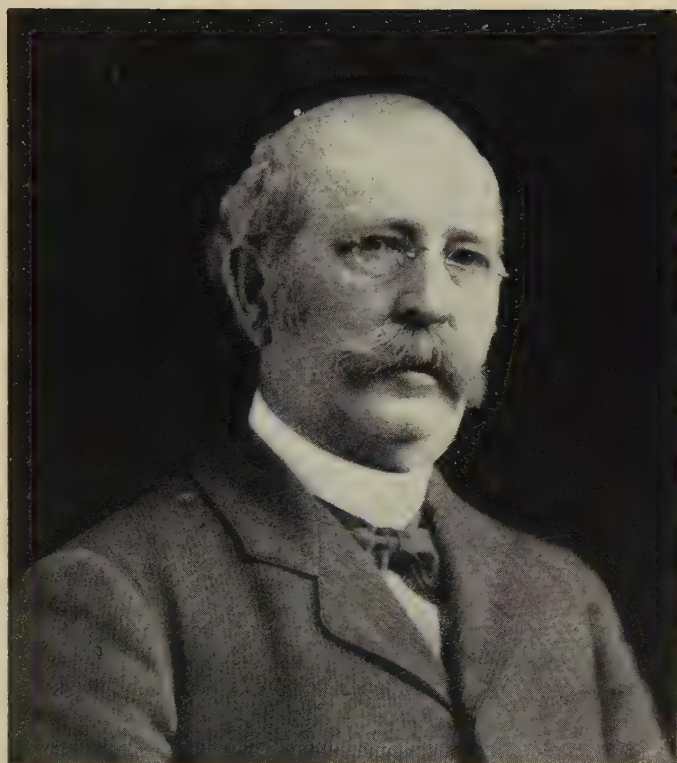
REV. J. V. SCHOFIELD.

THE subject of this sketch became pastor of the Third Baptist church July 1, 1862. He was a man of strong convictions and firm purpose. In those troublesome times he was instrumental in steering the church past many difficult breakers. He led in the erection of the building on 14th and Clark Avenue. He was afterwards pastor of the Fourth church, St. Louis, and aided in founding the Water Tower church, St. Louis. In later years he was the very successful pastor at Canton, Mo., where he built one of the prettiest houses of worship in the State.



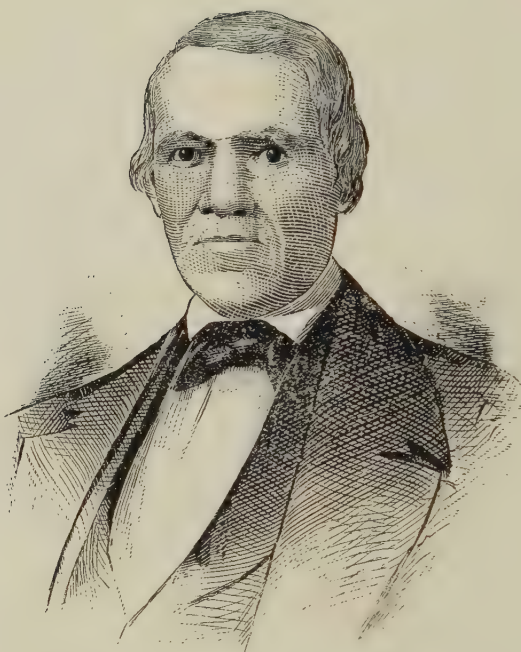
MARSHALL BROTHERTON.

THIS brother, for many years an honored deacon of the Third Baptist church, St. Louis, was quiet, earnest and diligent. He served The Cause faithfully. He was a friend of young men. He died in 1871.



WILLIAM M. SENTER.

WILLIAM MARSHALL SENTER was born in Lexington, Henderson County, Tenn., April 11, 1831, and he moved to the city of St. Louis in 1864, in which city he died January 29, 1901. When about 20 years of age he was converted and joined the Bluff Springs Baptist Church in his native State, Tennessee. Shortly after moving to St. Louis he joined the Third Baptist Church and from that day until his death gave largely of his love, thought, time and money to its upbuilding. At the time of his death he was Chairman of the Board of Deacons, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, President of the Advisory Board Superintendent of the Sunday School, which position he had held nearly 20 years; he was also Chairman of the Board of City Missions for many years, and at one time was Treasurer of the Missouri Baptist General Association. He was a hearty supporter of the Missouri Baptist Sanitarium, and was Vice-President of the Institution from its beginning until the day of his death. There is hardly any institution for the advancement of the Baptist cause in the State of Missouri in which he was not personally interested by sympathy and by gift.



WILLIAM JEWELL, M. D.

DR. WILLIAM JEWELL came to Missouri from Virginia in 1820. His home was in Boone County, near Columbia, where he engaged in the practice of medicine. He was prominent in the affairs of his community. He is mentioned as one of those who had an active part in securing the location of the Missouri State University at Columbia. He felt the need of a Baptist Institution of learning in Missouri and made the princely gift of \$10,000 for that purpose. To this he afterwards added about \$6,000 in valuable service and cash. The result of his munificence was the founding of William Jewell College. He was a wise master builder and did as much for the Baptist cause in the Mississippi valley as any other one man has ever done. Dr. Jewell was "pious, patient, persevering, public spirited, * * * * it would be hard to find a nobler model of a man and citizen."



REV. WILLIAM THOMPSON,

WILLIAM THOMPSON came from Scotland, his native land, at the age of sixteen. He was a man of rare ability. After staying for a time in Washington City, where he was principally educated, he came West. He settled in Boone county. He is best remembered by Missourians as the President of William Jewell College. As a preacher and orator, he was among the very first in the land. He died in 1865.



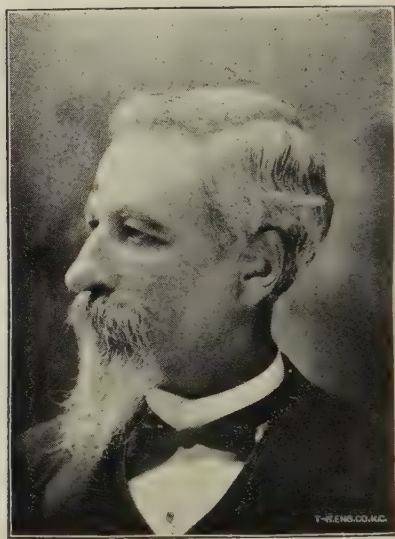
REV. THOMAS RAMBAUT,

THE subject of this sketch became President of William Jewell College June 24, 1867. He was a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, and "a gentleman of most accurate scholarship, extensive experience in education and thorough acquaintance with university organization." He and the trustees spent one year in the organization of the college. He laid broad the foundations for the institution which is now the pride of Baptists in the Mississippi valley. He remained president of the College until January, 1874, when he resigned and returned East, where he entered actively into the pastorate, serving a number of important churches.



LEWIS B. ELY.

HE WAS known throughout the country as "Brother Ely," which was the name his brethren loved to know him by. He was a brother indeed. For twenty-five years he was the successful superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school in Carrollton, Mo., his home town. Through his influence and effort a Sunday school was established in every Baptist church in his county. For many years he was Moderator of the Missouri Valley Association. For three years he was Moderator of the General Association. From 1880 to 1892 he was the financial Secretary for William Jewell College. He took a prominent part in the work of State missions. He was an important factor in establishing and managing the Missouri Baptist Sanitarium. L. B. Ely was a peace maker and a friend of every good cause.



REV. WILLIAM R. ROTHWELL.

DR. ROTHWELL was a native of Missouri, a graduate of the State University, was converted and baptized in early life. He began his public work as Principal of Elm Ridge Academy in 1854. He was afterwards president of what is now Stephens College, and later of Mount Pleasant College. In 1871 and 1872 he was Corresponding Secretary of the Board of State Missions. From 1872 to 1898 he was professor of theology and moral philosophy in William Jewell College. He died at Liberty, Mo., December 28, 1898. William Renfro Rothwell was a gentle, earnest, industrious, princely educator and Christian gentleman.



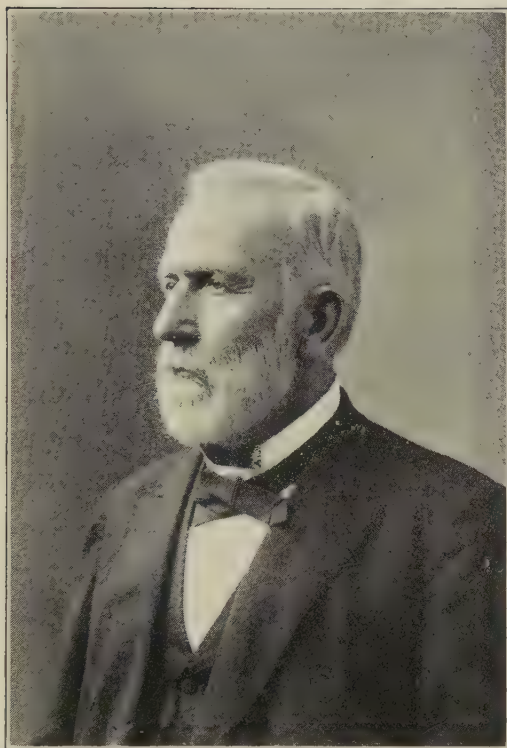
JOHN B. WORNALL.

HE CAME as a young man from Kentucky to Missouri in 1844 and engaged in business at Westport, now Kansas City. He was a prosperous business man. As the years advanced he became interested in Christian work, giving of his money and time without stint, and yet wisely. For many years he was President of the Board of Trustees of William Jewell College, a member of the Board of State Missions, Moderator of Blue River Association, and for two years Moderator of the General Association. He was a prince among laymen. He was conservative, dignified, benevolent.



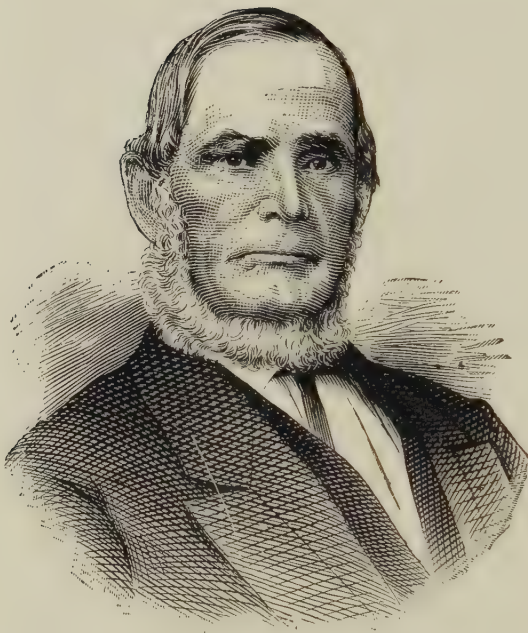
WILLIAM F. ELLIOTT.

AS A citizen, an officer of the law and a banker, W. F. Elliott was known to many, but as an active, devoted Baptist he was known to a much greater number. He was a deacon in his home church at Moberly, Mo. He was for many years a member of the Board of State Missions and for some time its President. He was a trustee of William Jewell College and was President of the Board at the time of his death. He was Vice-President of the Missouri Baptist Sanitarium. He died at Moberly, May 18, 1901.



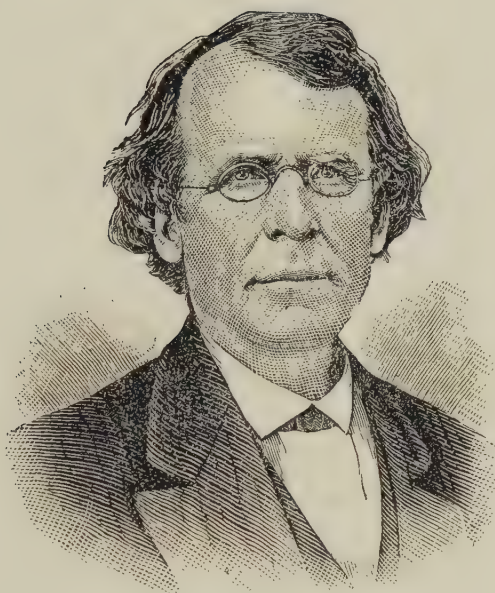
THOMAS M. JAMES.

DEACON T. M. James came to Missouri from Kentucky in 1834. He settled in Kansas City, where he was a successful business man until the day of his death. The Baptists of Missouri hold him in precious memory. For almost half a century, he gave much of his time, money and thought to the promotion of Baptist interests. His name is indissolubly connected with State Missions, William Jewell College, and Kansas City Baptist churches, especially with Calvary Church. He was conservatively aggressive. When he put his hand to the plow he never looked back.



REV. NOAH FLOOD.

DR. FLOOD came to Missouri in 1839. While his influence was felt throughout the State, most of his work was done in Callaway, Boone, Howard and adjoining counties. He was prominent in behalf of Missions in the great Anti-Mission struggle which occurred the middle of the last Century. His impress is upon the churches in Central Missouri. At the close of the Civil War he was a leader in re-establishing the General Association and laying the foundation for that unity which has marked the denomination since.



CHARLES H. HARDIN.

GOV. HARDIN came from Kentucky, his native State, to Missouri early in life. He resided at different times in Boone, Callaway and Audrain Counties. The latter was his last abiding place. He was elected the Governor of Missouri in 1874 and was known as the Christian Governor. By his liberality Hardin College was founded and endowed. By a wise arrangement the endowment must continue to grow and add strength continually to the Institution until the endowment is sufficiently large to make the Institution permanent and sufficiently strong to fully do the work for which it was established.



HON. JAMES L. STEPHENS.

THE noble, courtly, cultured, Christian gentleman, whose picture is herewith presented, was a native of Garrard County, Ky. He came to Boone County, Mo., in 1819, where he resided almost continuously until the day of his death. He was a merchant and farmer. He was an active, consecrated Christian, devoting much time to his denomination, and loyal at all times to its best interests. For some years he was President of the Executive Board of the General Association.

He will longest be remembered on account of his connection with Stephens College, to which he not only gave very large sums of money, but much time and personal attention. Mainly through his efforts this honored institution was secured to Baptists. The memory of James L. Stephens is precious to Missouri Baptists.



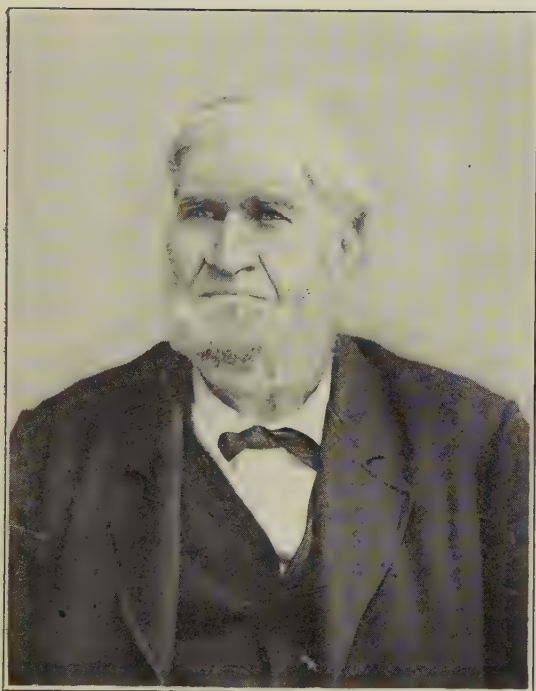
REV. X. X. BUCKNER.

REV. X. X. Buckner, a native of Kentucky, came to Columbia, Mo., in 1855. He immediately took a prominent place in denominational affairs. It is said that he was the first who proposed the establishment of what is now Stephens College. He was connected with other educational enterprises. When failing health made it impossible for him to either preach or teach he engaged in business in Kansas City. He gave much time to the work of the General Association and was a strong supporter of William Jewell College. He was Moderator of the Missouri Baptist General Association at the time of his death in 1872.



REV. T. W. BARRETT.

DR. BARRETT was born in West Virginia, came to Missouri in 1836 and was educated at William Jewell College. He served as pastor in St. Joseph, Jefferson City, Missouri, and Leavenworth, Kansas. He occupied a number of responsible positions. His last service was President of Stephens College, where he was instrumental in largely increasing the attendance and influence of the College.



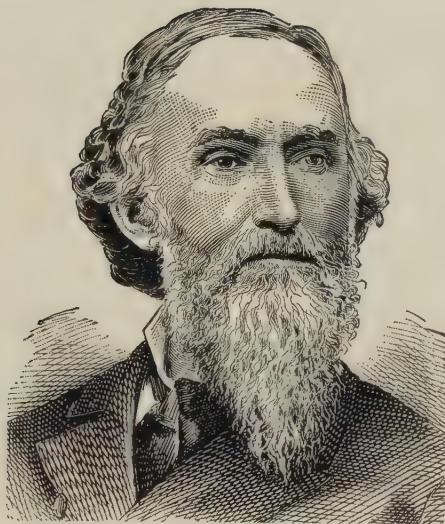
REV. JAMES M. LILLARD.

HE WAS "emphatically the pioneer preacher of Scotland county, Mo., having preached the first sermon, organized the first church and baptized the first convert ever immersed in the County." He came to Missouri in 1832 and settled near what is now Monticello, in Lewis county. He for fifty years preached in Northeast Missouri, baptized over 3,000 persons, and organized a great many churches. Almost thirty preachers were ordained under his ministry. No man in all that region was more loved and honored than he. "His children in the gospel are many."



REV. JAMES F. SMITH.

THE FIELD of labor in which this brother spent many years was Northeast and North Central Missouri. He was evangelistic in spirit and baptized many hundreds of people. He was a fearless preacher. Many rise up to bless the memory of "Uncle Frank Smith". He died in 1891



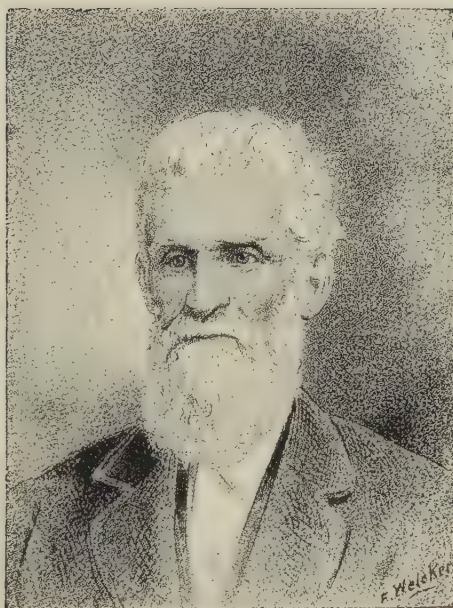
REV. JOHN T. WILLIAMS.

THE SUBJECT of this sketch came from his native State, Virginia, at the age of ten years. He was prominent in educational work. He served as pastor of a number of prominent churches, and much of his life was given to educational work. In 1879 he took the field for The Central Baptist and raised the funds which were needed to firmly establish the paper. He was secretary of the Missouri Baptist General Association for thirteen years. He was a quiet, patient, earnest, unobtrusive, faithful, Christian minister and worker.



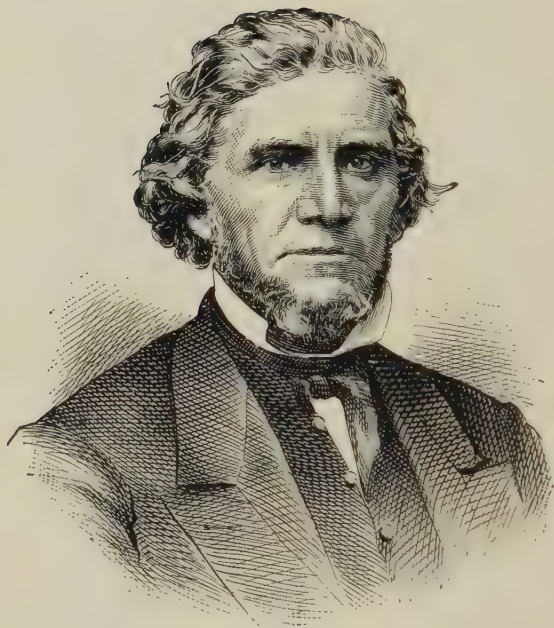
WILLIAM CARSON.

HE WAS Moderator of the Missouri Baptist General Association in 1837 and again in 1840. He was active in the effort of locating William Jewell College. He was "Diligent in business, fervent in spirit serving the Lord." His home was at Palmyra. His influence was felt throughout all that region.



REV. B. McCORD ROBERTS.

THE BAPTISTS of Greene County and of all South Central Missouri hold in precious memory this sainted man. He organized the First Baptist church, Springfield, Mo. The Central Baptist during April and May, 1904 contained articles full of interest from Dr. J. C. Maple and Rev. N. C. Epps concerning his life and work. His labors in Missouri began about 1852 and continued thirty years.



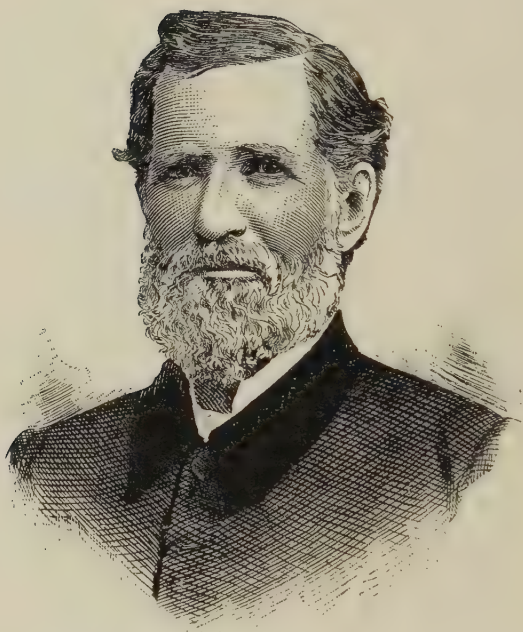
REV. JAMES SCHOFIELD.

REV. JAMES Schofield, a native of New York City, came from Iowa to Dallas County, Mo., in 1867. He left his impress upon the Baptists of Dallas and Polk Counties, especially. He was a brother of the late Rev. J. V. Schofield and of Gen. John M. Schofield.



REV. L. M. BERRY.

HE CAME to Missouri from North Carolina, his native State, in 1871 and resided here until the day of his death. He was pastor of a number of churches. At one time he represented the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at another time had in charge the work of State Missions. He was tender hearted, sweet in spirit, constant in his devotion and effort.



REV. S. W. MARSTON.

DR. MARSTON became General Agent of the Missouri Baptist Sunday School Convention at its organization in 1868. He so conducted the work in Missouri as to speedily bring the Sunday School interests to a high state of efficiency. His motto was a Sunday School in every Baptist church in Missouri. During his term of service the Baptist Sunday Schools in the State increased from 74 to 603. Every one of the 59 Associations in the State was organized as auxiliary to the State Sunday School Convention. In 1873 he became Superintendent of State Missions for the Missouri Baptist General Association, which office he filled until 1876.



REV. G. J. JOHNSON.

IN NOVEMBER 1868 the American Baptist Publication Society established the St. Louis Branch with Rev. G. J. Johnson, who is sitting in the group above, as the manager of the Branch House. From that day he was more or less intimately associated with Baptist affairs in Missouri. He was a pastor in Iowa when Rev. John E. Clough, the missionary to the Telugus in India, was converted and Dr. Johnson baptized the now famous missionary. This picture shows their last meeting at the sanitarium in Manitoba. Dr. Johnson was a large-hearted, broad minded, wise minister of the Gospel, loved and honored by many now on earth and by thousands who have crossed over The River.



REV. J. H. LUTHER.

REV. J. H. Luther was a native of Rhode Island. He came to Missouri in 1857, taught school and served as pastor until 1866, when he established "The Missouri Baptist Journal" which combined with "The Baptist Record" and became "The Central Baptist." On retiring from the management of "The Central Baptist," he moved to Texas, where most of his after life was spent. He was a versatile man, a born editor.



REV. W. H. WILLIAMS.

DR WILLIAMS was educated at Richmond College in his native State. He was a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He began preaching while yet in college. In 1882 he purchased the Central Baptist and was the editor and proprietor of the paper until his death August 23, 1893. Under his management, the Central Baptist grew in circulation and influence. William Harrison Williams was a true, tender-hearted, peace loving man, and yet a man who knew no compromise with error. He left his impress upon the denomination in this State. He was beloved by his brethren.



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REV. W. POPE YEAMAN,

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NATIVE of Kentucky. He came to Missouri in 1870; pastor of Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, 1870-76. Editor of Central Baptist, 1875-77. Chancellor of William Jewell College 1875-77. Moderator St. Louis Association, 1870-76. Pastor Garrison Avenue (now Delmar Avenue) Baptist Church, St. Louis, 1877-79. Corresponding Secretary of Board of State Missions, 1878-86. Moderator Missouri Baptist General Association, 1877-96. Author of "History of Missouri General Association."



MRS. MILDRED M. WILLIAMS.

SO FAR as can be ascertained this aged sister is the only living person who attended the meeting of the Missouri Baptist General Association at Brick Providence Church in Callaway County, August, 29, 1834, when it was organized. She has attended many of the meetings since. Her presence is an inspiration. No one enjoyed the meeting at Marshall in 1903 more than she. At this writing, June 10, 1904, she is in good health and hopes to be at Chillicothe October next.

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A bill of shame antiquated reading is that decree of Pope Alexander VI. in which he graciously gave the newly discovered continent of America to the King and Queen of Spain. Columbus had gone out under the patronage of the Spanish Government and had made his discoveries, but he found that the Pope had a claim on everything undiscovered and that this claim was by reason of an inheritance from

in 1970 there was a statement in this column that among Presbyterians north and south there had been a comparative decline in the number of infant baptisms. The figures for 1971 were in fact found to be 10,000, an increase over the 9,000 members one baptism for every twenty members. Last year there was one infant baptism for every forty members. These figures were published by Presbyterian papers. The Cumberland Presbyterian says: "These misstatements who reply repeating the antique falsehood that Presbyterian churches are losing interest in infant baptism will find small comfort in the announcement that the number of infants baptized in the Northern Presbyterian church last year exceeds the large number of adults receiving baptism. This is peculiar logic. The baptism of infants

FOODPASTOR REVELATION
The new revelation of never before told story is that Revelation was progressive. Everybody has known all along that God did not tell all the lies in the first chapters of Genesis or even all the lies we know of. It required no modern scholarship to know that. It was a simple matter of common sense. The revelations of the divine will occupy the entire book, while the fuller manifestation of the way of salvation comes later. There was a universally recognized principle that the Bible was progressive and that the way for the unfolding of spiritual truth. Time has not been a Bible student in a hundred years who did not see all this and say so much. But this alleged modern discovery means somewhat different from what it seems to mean. It means that the Bible implies something quite different from what it actually states. It implies that the Bible is purely a human production and that the whole imperfect scripture is first because they themselves were ignorant but that the generations were to be made to know the truth. The Bible is a mere record of human opinions and broader character of successive books is pointed in as proof of their purely human origin. Those who reach this false conclusion are not only deceived but they are also deceived by the Bible. It would be in fact a purely human

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THE "Missouri Baptist Journal" was established in January 1866. The "Baptist Record" was established in September 1866. These papers were consolidated and made "The Central Baptist" in August 1868. "The Central Baptist" has continued uninterruptedly along the line marked out by its founders and has been an unfailing supporter of the work of the denomination in Missouri as represented in the Missouri Baptist General Association and allied organizations and interests. The "Missouri Baptist Journal" was endorsed by the Missouri Baptist General Association as the organ of the denomination in the State at its meeting in 1866. This endorsement was re-affirmed at its meeting in Mexico, 1878, as follows:

"Next to the Bible and the pulpit the newspaper is the most potent instrumentality in controlling and directing the views of our people upon religious questions. * * * That the resources of a paper may be such as to enable the proprietors to fill its columns with the best thought of the age, it must have a wide circulation. * * * * * We most heartily commend the Central Baptist to all who wish a good Baptist paper. We urge the Baptists of Missouri to subscribe for it, to pay the subscription price promptly, to contribute to its columns their best thoughts * * * and to use all diligence to increase the number of its subscribers." Rev. J. C. Maple was chairman of the committee.

The Editors have been John H. Luther, A. A. Kendrick, Norman Fox, W. Pope Yeaman, Wiley J. Patrick, William Ferguson, J. C. Armstrong, W. H. Williams and J. C. Armstrong.

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